

November 16, 2007 Project No. 013636

Mr. Ryan Benefield, P.E. Chief Hazardous Waste Division Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) 8001 National Drive Little Rock, Arkansas 72219-8913

Subject:

Cedar Chemical Company, Helena-West Helena, Arkansas

Arkansas Solid Waste Registration No. ARD990660649

Submittal of the Current Conditions Report – Cedar Chemical Company

Dear Mr. Benefield:

On behalf of ExxonMobil Chemical Corporation and Helena Chemical Company, which comprise the Cedar Chemical Corporation Joint Defense Group ("the Group"), Geomatrix respectfully submits the Current Conditions Report. As discussed with ADEQ in our meeting on August 8, 2007, a workplan will be submitted within 60 days of the date of this submittal (by January 18, 2008), that will outline the scope of work to address the data gaps outlined in this report. In order to help meet this schedule, we request that ADEQ provide any comments or concerns noted during their review of the Current Conditions Report to the Group as soon as possible.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at 512.494.0333.

Sincerely yours,

GEOMATRIX CONSULTANTS, INC.

Kelly Beck

Project Manager

cc:

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## **GEOLOGY REGISTRATION STATE OF ARKANSAS**

Geomatrix Consultants, Inc., has submitted an application for a temporary permit to practice geology in the state of Arkansas. According to A.C.A. 17-32-302(B)(i-ii), we may practice until the Arkansas Board of Registration has had an opportunity to review and make a decision on our application. If you have any questions regarding this clause or our application, please contact Ms. Connie Raper, Business Controller with the Board of Registration for Professional Geologist in Arkansas. She may be reached by calling 501.683.0150 or by email at connie.raper@arkansas.gov.